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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2001, applicants
enclose the following papers for filing in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office
in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Response under 37 CFR 1.111 (1 page).

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge
all filing fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and all other fees due under
section 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit
Account No. 07-1729.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

The Examiner has restricted the claims of the present application to the
following two groups:

- Group I: Claims 1-23, drawn to a method of making a
sleeve/balloon/catheter, classified in class 264, subclass 165.
- Group II: Claims 24-42, drawn to a sleeve/balloon/catheter, classified in
class 604, subclass 103.

The Applicants elect claims 24-42 of Group II at this time; the election is
made without traverse and without prejudice to filing divisional applications in
the future.

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